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REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the careful and thorough examination of the present application, for allowing independent Claims 8 and 12, and for extending all courtesies during telephonic conversations conducted on February 1st and 8th of 2007.

During the telephonic conversations, the Examiner indicated that Claims 5, 7, 9, 11, and 13 were also allowed. Applicants have amended Claim 15 to depend from allowed independent Claim 13. Applicants have also amended Claims 5, 7, 8, 9, and 11 to correct informalities; these amendments do not narrow the scope of the claims for any reasons relating to patentability.

Based on the amendments and arguments presented herein, Applicants submit that all claims are believed to be patentable and that the present application is now in condition for allowance.

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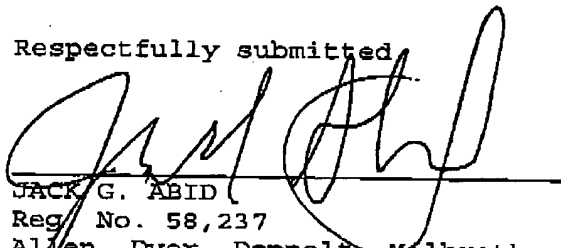
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CONCLUSIONS

In view of the amendments to the claims and the arguments presented above, it is submitted that all of the claims are patentable. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested in due course. Should any minor informalities need to be addressed, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

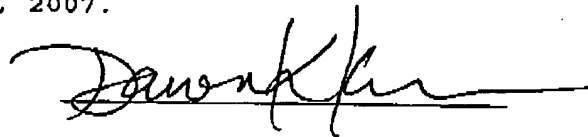
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